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BUCKLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR



FOR THE YEAR 1958

BUCKLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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The work of the Health Department is administered by the following Committees:-

1. SPECIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - Councillor S. Morton, M.B.E., J.P.,
VICE CHAIRMAN - Councillor D.A. Findley

The Committee comprises the whole Council and is responsible inter alia for the refuse and night-soil collection services, for rodent control and all water supply and sewerage schemes.

2. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - Councillor A. Pennington.
VICE CHAIRMAN - Councillor W. Baldwin.

The Committee comprises the whole Council and is responsible for all public health matters except the services administered by the Special Services Committee.

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BUCKLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Health Department,
Dunham Mount,
Dunham Road,
ALTRINCHAM.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Bucklow Rural District Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year 1958.

The vital statistics are quite satisfactory. The number of live births (188) is down this year by 29 but the birth rate still remains higher than average for England and Wales. There are 20 less deaths this year the total being 114 and again the rate compares favourably with that for England and Wales as a whole being slightly lower as can be seen on the table of vital statistics.

There was a very low incidence of notifiable disease.

Details are given in the body of the report with regard to the control of caravans and hutments in the district, particularly at Pickmere and with regard to the slum clearance situation.

I would again express my appreciation of the interest shown by members in the work of the Health Department and of the courtesy extended to me at all times by the Council's officers.

I am Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Donald Longbottom.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH



STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area of District in Acres	46,103
Registrar General's estimate of home population (mid year)	11,730
Population (1951 Census)	11,170
Number of inhabited houses according to rate books	3,601
Rateable value	£167,293
Sum represented by a penny rate	£650

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>
Total Live Births	188	217
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 living	16.0	17.2
Standardised Birth Rate per 1,000 living	16.8	18.1
General Birth Rate (England & Wales)	15.7	16.1
Total Still Births	6	5
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births	30.9	22.5
Total Live and Still Births	194	222
Deaths of infants under 1 year	6	9
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	32	41
" " " " " legitimate live births	33.5	43
" " " " " illegitimate live births	Nil	Nil
Neo Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	26.6	32.2
Illegitimate live births percent of total live births	4.6%	3.7%
Maternal Deaths	Nil	1
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births	Nil	4.5
Total Deaths	114	134
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 living	9.7	10.6
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 living	10.3	11.6
General Death Rate (England & Wales)	11.7	11.5
Deaths from Tuberculosis	1	2
Deaths from Poliomyelitis	Nil	Nil
Deaths from Cancer	14	28
Deaths from Accidents	10	6

The population figure given by the Registrar General is of home population including armed forces stationed in the district. The figure for mid-1958 is 860 less than that for mid-1957 because of the closure of the High Legh Army Camp. The home population figure is used to calculate the crude birth and death rates and this is multiplied by a factor provided by the Registrar General to arrive at the standardised rates. The factor allows for the age and sex distribution of the population and enables a fairer comparison to be made between one district and another.

BIRTHS

		<u>1958</u>			<u>1957</u>		
		<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births	(legitimate)	93	86	179	117	92	209
	(illegitimate)	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>
		<u>96</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>217</u>
Still Births	(legitimate)	3	2	5	2	3	5
	(illegitimate)	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>

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INFANTILE MORTALITY

Deaths of Infants under 1 year

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	4	2	6
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks

Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>

The causes of death of these infants were:-

Under 1 year

Broncho-pneumonia; Measles. (5 months)

Under 4 weeks

1. Atelectasis (4 hours)
2. Atelectasis (7 hours)
3. Prematurity (6 hours)
4. Prematurity (25 minutes)
5. Intracerebral Heammorrhage; Prolonged Asphyxia (5 hours)

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion - Nil.

The following table is included to show how the vital statistics compare with those during the past 28 years.

	Population	Total live births	Crude birth rate	Total deaths	Crude death rate	Deaths of infants under 1 yr.	Cases of Maternal Mortality
Yearly Av. 1931-35	23,354	275	11.8	236	10.1	16	0.8
Yearly Av. 1936-40	9,304	151	16.2	115	12.3	7	1.5
Yearly Av. 1941-45	10,006	146	14.6	103	10.2	5	0.2
Yearly Av. 1946-50	10,614	162	15.2	112	10.5	5	0.6
Yearly Av. 1951-55	11,720	194	16.5	123	8.5	5	0
1956	11,400	190	16.6	124	10.3	2	0
1957	12,590	217	17.2	134	10.6	9	1
1958	11,730	188	16.0	114	9.7	6	0



DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR

1958 AND CAUSES

<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>1958</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Total 1957.</u>
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>		
Respiratory Tuberculosis	0	1	1	2
Other forms of Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0
Syphilitic Disease	2	0	2	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0	0
Meningococcal Infections	0	0	0	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0
Measles	0	1	1	0
Other infective and parasitic diseases	0	0	0	0
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	1	3	7
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung and Bronchus	3	0	3	5
Malignant Neoplasm Breast	0	0	0	2
Malignant Neoplasm Uterus	0	3	3	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	2	5	14
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	0	0	0	0
Diabetes	0	0	0	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	6	10	16	19
Coronary disease, angina	10	6	16	11
Hypertension with Heart disease	2	1	3	2
Other heart diseases	6	9	15	18
Other circulatory diseases	2	2	4	9
Influenza	0	1	1	3
Pneumonia	3	5	8	4
Bronchitis	4	0	4	5
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	0	1	0
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	0	0	0	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	0	0	0	0
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	0	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	0	2	2
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0	0	1
Congenital malformations	1	1	2	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	5	12	15
Motor vehicle accidents	6	1	7	4
All other accidents	3	0	3	2
Suicide	0	1	1	2
Homicide and operations of war	0	0	0	0
	<u>64</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>134</u>



COMMENTS ON THE CAUSES OF DEATH

Out of 114 deaths during the year 79 (70%) were persons over the age of 60 and 92 (81%) were over the age of 50. These proportions are exactly the same as in 1957.

The major casues of death were those conditions associated with the older age group viz: those attributed to malignant diseases and those associated with degenerative conditions of the heart and circulatory system.

Of the 10 deaths due to accidents, 7 were due to motor vehicle accidents, one to drowning, one to an accidental fall at home and one due to a fall from a pedal cycle in the grounds of an institution.

Deaths in age groups are shown below.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 1 year	4	2	6
1-10 years	0	0	0
11-20 "	5	0	5
21-30 "	3	0	3
31-40 "	0	1	1
41-50 "	3	4	7
51-60 "	8	5	13
61-70 "	14	12	26
71-80 "	13	17	30
81-90 "	14	8	22
91-100 "	0	1	1
	<u>64</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>114</u>

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following table shows the cases of infectious disease, other than Tuberculosis notified during the year and classified in age groups:-

	All Ages	Under 1 Year	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 to 24	24 to 44	45 to 64	65 and over	Age Unknown
Scarlet Fever	17	0	3	13	0	0	1	0	0
Measles	31	0	12	17	1	0	0	0	1
Pneumonia	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Whooping Cough	5	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0
Food Poisoning	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Other Diseases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	56	0	18	31	3	2	3	0	1



The following table shows comparisons for the last five years (excluding members of H.M. Forces):-

Notifiable Disease	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	0	0	1	0
Erysipelas	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	15	8	0	1	17
Pneumonia	3	0	3	5	3
Measles	36	135	98	57	31
Whooping Cough	10	10	28	1	5
Dysentery	9	2	0	3	0
Paralytic Poliomyelitis	0	2	2	1	0
Non-Paralytic Poliomyelitis	0	0	4	0	0
Total:	74	157	135	69	56

The above table illustrates the small number of cases attributed to the streptococcus, namely Puerperal Pyrexia, Erysipelas and Scarlet Fever, diseases which took such toll in the earlier years of the century.

TUBERCULOSIS

1. Number of cases recorded at 31st December,

	<u>1958</u>			<u>1957</u>		
	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Total</u>
Males	22	2	24	25	2	27
Females	<u>23</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>22</u>
	<u>45</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>49</u>

2. Number of new cases notified during 1958 as compared with the previous year

	<u>1958</u>			<u>1957</u>		
	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Total</u>
Males	2	0	2	3	1	4
Females	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>

There were two deaths of persons on the Tuberculosis Register during 1958 one male and one female both suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

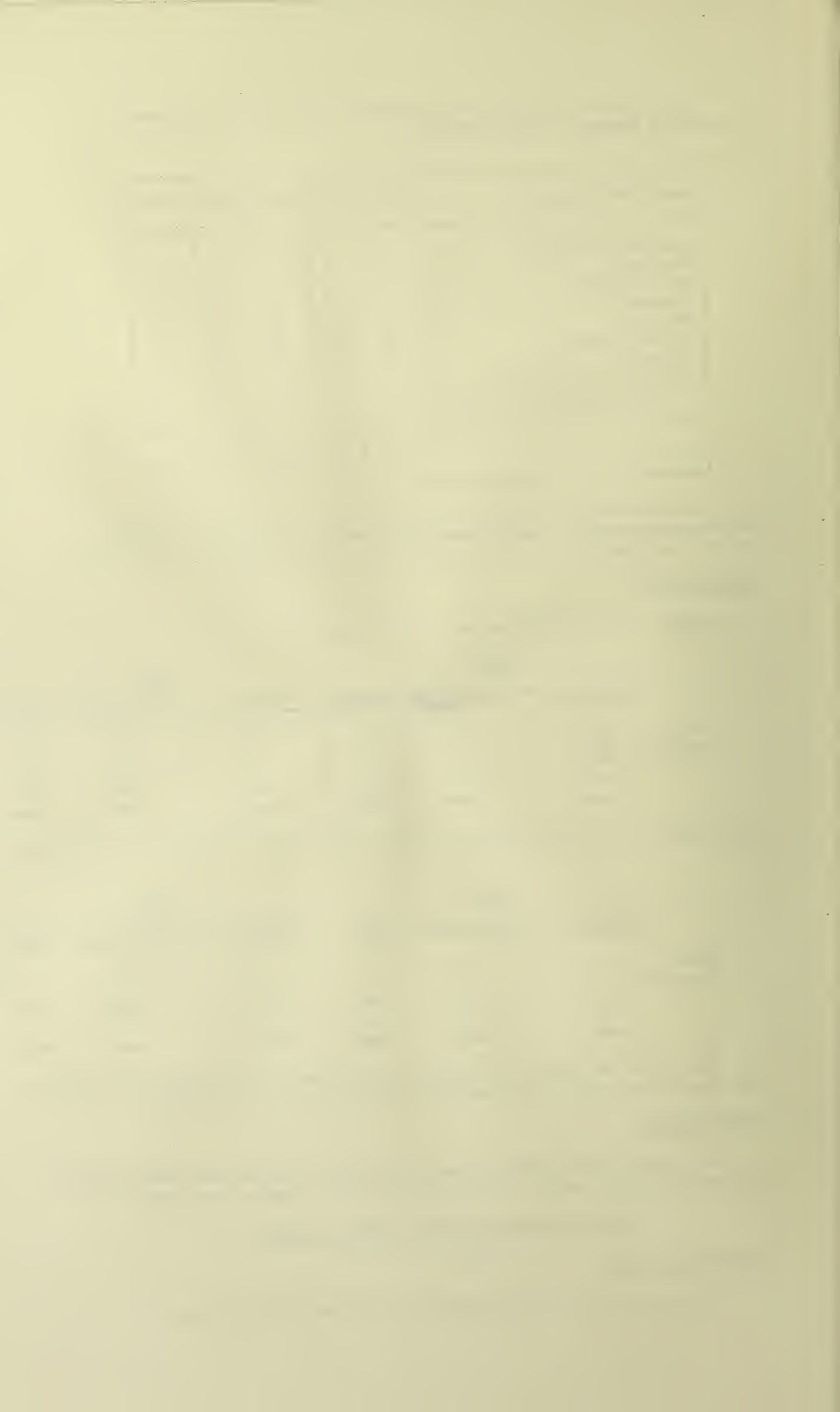
FOOD POISONING

Two cases of Food poisoning were notified by the Military Authorities at an Army Camp but in neither case was the causal organism identified.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

Sections 47 and 50

No action was necessary under these sections during the year.



National Health Act Services, and services
provided by the Cheshire County Council.

A. Services provided in accordance with the requirements
of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

1. Hospital Services

Controlling Body - Manchester Regional Hospital Board.
Local Hospitals - Administered by North West and Mid Cheshire Hospital
Management Committee.
Secretary - Mr. M. Owen, Administrative Offices,
Altrincham Maternity Home, Sinderland
Road, Altrincham.

Hospitals serving this area:-

General Acute Cases - Cottage Hospital, Knutsford.
Altrincham General Hospital.
Denzell Convalescent Hospital, Bowdon.
General Chronic Cases - Cranford Lodge, Knutsford.
Chest Clinic - St. Anne's Home, Woodville Road, Altrincham.
Ear, Nose and Throat - " " " " " "
Infectious Diseases - Monsall Hospital, Newton Heath, Manchester.
Smallpox - Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, Nr. Bury. Lancs.

A large number of cases from Bucklow are treated in
Manchester Hospitals.

11. General Practitioner and General Dental Services

Controlling Body - National Health Service Executive Council for Cheshire.
Clerk - Mr. F. Hayter, 28 Nicholas Street, Chester.

111. Services of Local Health Authority - Cheshire County Council

1. Ambulance Service)	
2. Immunisation and Vaccination)	Altrincham Divisional
3. Care and After Care)	Health Committee.
4. Home Help Service)	
5. Junior Training Centre - Navigation Rd. Altrincham))	
6. Maternity and Child Welfare)	
7. Domiciliary Midwifery and District Nursing)	
8. Dental Service - Expectant and Nursing Mothers and)	County
Pre-School Children.)	Council
9. Mental Health Service - Duly Authorised Officer)	Health
for Mental Health -)	Committee.
Mr. Dixon, 18 Stanley Rd.)	
Knutsford.)	

The Divisional Health Committee area covers Hale U.D.C., Bowdon U.D.C.,
Altrincham M.B., Knutsford U.D.C., and Bucklow R.D.C., and includes
members of those Authorities, members of the County Council, and
co-opted members.

Divisional Medical Officer - D. Longbottom, Mountlands, The Mount,
Altrincham, (Altrincham 1981 or 1733)

B. Other Services by other Committees of Cheshire County Council

1. Education Committee - School Health Service, including School Dental Service.
2. Welfare Committee - Homeless, handicapped persons, provision for
residential accommodation etc.,
County Welfare Officer - Mr. Evans, County Hall, Chester.
3. Children's Committee - Provides for the care of Deprived Children
i.e. children not under parental care.
Children's Officer for this area - Mr. Blades, County Offices,
Bexton Road, Knutsford.



SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

I am indebted to the Chief Public Health Inspector for compiling the following section of the report in so far as it relates to matters under his administration.

VISITS

During the year a total of 1607 visits were made as follows:-

Housing	116	Rodent Control	53
Council House Tenancies	118	Drains, Cesspools, Watercourses ..	104
Overcrowding	31	Water Supplies, Swimming Baths ...	4
Movable Dwellings	82	Refuse Nuisances	2
Factories & Outworkers	23	Scavenging	402
Air Pollution	18	Dustbins and Closet Pails	21
Food Premises	33	Cesspool Emptying	12
Meat and Food Inspection	453	Sewer Connections & Conversions ..	5
Infectious Disease	5	Improvement Grants	40
Insect Pests	7	Miscellaneous	78

HOUSING

Defects and Nuisances

36 complaints were received and investigated and informal notices served in each case. They included :-

Defects of repair	8
Defective dustbins	14
Defective closet pails	4
Contaminated ditches	3
Flooding from a choked field drain	1
Defective house drains or septic tanks	5
Rubbish being dumped in a pond	1

Demolition and Closure

15 houses were represented for action under Section 16 of the Housing Act 1957 and action was completed in respect of 5 others represented late in 1957 with the following results :-

Demolition Orders made	3 (Idemolished)
Closing Orders made	2 (2 closed)
Undertakings not to use as houses accepted	8 (3 vacated)
Decision to purchase for deferred demolition ..	7

In addition agreement was reached in principle to declare a clearance area in respect of 6 houses which were the subject of an official representation but pending further progress with the erection of new houses no order has been submitted for confirmation.

In 1955 a programme for the clearance in 5 years of 78 unfit houses by individual action under the Housing Act 1936 was submitted to the Minister. A further 20 houses have been inspected in the meantime and found to be unfit.

At 31st December, 1958, 63 unfit houses had been represented for action and a further 9 had been dealt with informally with the following results:-

No. of houses demolished	15
No. of houses closed	20
No. of houses made fit	5
No. of houses still occupied	32

Of this latter figure 2 were subject to demolition orders, 17 to undertakings by the owner not to use as houses on vacation, 6 were in a proposed clearance area and 7 were to be purchased by the Council with a view to deferred demolition.



A further 26 houses remained to be dealt with so that 58 families were known to be living in unfit houses at the end of the year. The Council have no immediate plans for building houses for these families.

Overcrowding

Four overcrowded families were rehoused during the year and one other case which was investigated was referred to the Housing Tenancy Committee for consideration when letting houses.

Certificates of Disrepair

Only one application was received for a Certificate of Disrepair and this was granted.

Improvement Grants

The Engineer and Surveyor deals with all applications for Improvement Grants but the Chief Public Health Inspector advises as to the suitability of houses for grant aid and indicates in each case the defects of repair needed to be remedied to meet the conditions of the Grant.

During the year Improvement Grants were made in respect of 16 houses representing a total sum of £4,583.

New Houses

Built by Manchester Corporation	77
Built by Private Enterprise	48
Built by Council	18

The new houses completed by the Council were at High Legh (11) and Mobberley (7) and they brought the total number of Council-owned houses at 31st December to 739 made up as follows :-

	<u>Pre-1939</u>	<u>Post-1939</u>
Four bedroomed houses	11	41
Three bedroomed houses	92	537
Two bedroomed houses	-	1
Two bedroomed bungalows - brick	-	30
Two bedroomed bungalows - prefabricated	-	27
	<u>103</u>	<u>636</u>

At Partington, where 230 dwellings have been completed by the Council since 1946, 41 are let to persons employed at the Carrington Power Station and 112 to overspill tenants nominated by Manchester Corporation (10) Stretford Corporation (62) and Salford Corporation (40). Six of the seven new houses built at Mobberley were let at an economic rent to employees nominated by a firm with an expanding factory in the parish.

The 77 dwellings erected at Partington by Manchester Corporation are the first of an estate of approximately 1,250 dwellings of various types.

Letting of Council Houses

The letting of the Council's houses is the responsibility of the Housing Tenancy Committee and the Chief Public Health Inspector is responsible for the administrative work involved and also for certain other aspects of management such as the taking in of lodgers.

During the year 60 new tenancies were created, 14 of which were of new houses and 13 the result of transfers of tenants to other houses. 7 exchanges with tenants of other authorities were agreed to.

At the end of the year the annual revision of the list of applicants reduced the number of "live" applications to 202 a decrease of 8 on the position a year earlier in spite of the addition of 85 new applicants to the list.



Movable Dwellings

Caravans and other movable dwellings continue to involve much work but there was a general improvement in the conditions on the various sites in spite of an increase in their number. It can be said that the erection of fresh shed dwellings or 'bungalows' completely stopped six years ago.

In December the Council adopted a schedule of conditions to be attached as standard to all future licences for residential caravan sites and it is hoped to still further improve the sites which do not already reach this standard.

At the end of the year, outside Pickmere, there were six sites licensed for a total of 130 residential caravans and two for a total of 49 recreational caravans. Two further sites for which no licences are in force were causing some concern but a clarification of the position with regard to planning permission was being awaited. Apart from the licensed sites 48 movable dwellings on 22 sites were licensed individually at the end of the year.

At Pickmere six 'bungalows' were removed following enforcement of the conditions of a site licence and demolition orders were made on two but not enforced when the structures were converted to store sheds.

In 1952 there were 342 temporary buildings and movable dwellings of all kinds around that part of Pickmere Lake which is within the Council's district of which 280 were of a type or in a condition which might have enabled the Council to secure their removal or demolition. At the end of 1958, 153 of these structures had in fact been removed or demolished and a further 28 were the subject of control which will ensure removal, i.e. well over half the original number. Continued efforts are being made to improve conditions further but pressure of other duties has prevented an all-out attempt to complete the work begun in 1952.

WATER SUPPLY

I am indebted to the Engineer and Surveyor for furnishing the following information with regard to public water supplies in the district:-

Parish	Properties supplied with mains water	Supplier
Agden	16	Bucklow R.D.C.
Ashley	120	Manchester Corporation
Aston by Budworth	96	Bucklow R.D.C.
Bollington	76	" " " "
Carrington	182	Manchester Corporation
Dunham Massey	196	" "
High Legh	251	Bucklow R.D.C.
Little Warford	21	Stockport Corporation
Marthall	54	" "
Mere	61	Bucklow R.D.C.
	162	Knutsford Light & Water Co.
Millington	82	Bucklow R.D.C.
Mobberley	654	Stockport Corporation
Ollerton	86	Bucklow R.D.C.
Partington	499	Manchester Corporation
Peover Inferior	38)
Peover Superior	189) Bucklow R.D.C.
Pickmere	144)
Plumley	240)
Ringway	63	Manchester Corporation
Rostherne	58)
Tabley Inferior	26) Bucklow R.D.C.
Tabley Superior	102)
Tatton	17	Private Estate Supply
Toft	20	Bucklow R.D.C.
Warburton	100	Lymm U.D.C.
Total properties supplied		3,553

The estimated population supplied from public mains is 11,566.

No major extensions to the mains were made and at the end of the year the new water tower provided in order to maintain constant pressures in the south east of the district was almost completed.

Supplies in the district generally were adequate.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

No new works were carried out in respect of Sewage Disposal and there were no extensions to sewers or sewage disposal works during the year. An additional two houses were connected to the sewer at Partington where action was commenced with a view to the abolition of the privy middens still remaining.

The cesspool emptying machine, although primarily engaged on pail closet collection was used to empty 109 cesspools and septic tanks with a consequent income of £152. Difficulties arose in connection with the disposal of the sludge and in the latter half of the year this resulted in a serious curtailment of the work.

The increasing demand for the services of the machine arising from the work done in the past and the increasing number of houses served by septic tanks underlines the importance of maintaining this service but at the end of the year no suitable disposal site had been secured.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The Council operate two Fore and Aft tipping S.D. freighters, one Dennis Paxit freighter and two small Ford freighters together with a Ferguson tractor for tip levelling.

Collections were maintained on a weekly basis throughout the district and apart from certain isolated properties difficult of access, any houses which are not scavenged, do not receive the service solely because the occupiers have either declined it or failed to ask for it.

Certain catering establishments are scavenged twice weekly and collections at Manchester Airport were made daily, including Sundays, through the summer months, reducing to weekdays only in October.

In November the first of the overspill houses being built at Partington by Manchester Corporation were completed and let and as this estate grows the work of scavenging will increase.

The building used as a Depot can no longer accommodate all the vehicles and the Council agreed to seek consent to the provision of a new Depot at Partington.

Negotiations were commenced for a new tip close to Partington which will be needed within two years when the tip at present serving the northerly parishes is filled.

The tractor enabled the tips to be kept in much better condition but it has proved to be too light for the excavation of consolidated soil.

Weekly pail closet emptying was maintained and approximately 1,100 closets were collected, mostly with the cesspool emptier. This machine was off the road for 3 weeks in November following an accident and a return had to be made to the old practice of collecting nightsoil in drums carried on a side loading freighter indicating the necessity to maintain a vehicle of this type for emergency use. Composting of nightsoil continued satisfactorily on a central site.

MILK

Milk Distributors

On 1st October the district, along with others, became a specified area in which the only milk permitted to be sold by retail must be Tuberculin Tested, Pasteurised or Sterilised.

Most of the district is supplied by large firms with dairies outside the district but there is one pasteurising dairy within the district.

Twenty-seven distributors and two dairies are registered.

Designated Milk

15 dealers licences and 51 supplementary licences to use special designations were issued as follows:-

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Dealers' Licences</u>	<u>Supplementary Licences</u>
Pasteurised	6	18
Sterilised	3	12
Tuberculin Tested	6	21

Tuberculous Milk

The County Medical Officer notified 5 cases where positive biological tests for tuberculosis had been obtained from samples of milk taken at dairy farms in the district. In all cases enquiries revealed that the milk was being sold wholesale to large pasteurising establishments in neighbouring towns.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are six private slaughterhouses in the district at widely separated points and at two, Saturday afternoon slaughter is a regular feature. 100% inspection was maintained.

The number of animals inspected and the numbers affected with disease are shown in the table overleaf. As compared with 1957 pigs increased by 212 but beef animals dropped by 30, sheep and lambs by 1,224 and calves by 15.

There was a slight increase (1.9%) in the number of heifers and bullocks affected with Tuberculosis but a welcome decrease (10.8%) in the number of cows affected. This decrease no doubt reflects the growing number of attested herds in the County.

Routine inspection for *Cysticercus Bovis* revealed 6 cases as against 11 in 1957 and the butchers co-operated in sending the carcasses into cold storage for 21 days.

The general standard of the slaughterhouses is poor and the new construction and hygiene Regulations introduced at the end of the year are welcomed as offering for the first time a chance to bring all slaughterhouses up to a recognised standard. All too often there seems to be a disregard of the fact that the product of a slaughterhouse is human food.

Deadweight certification of pigs continued at one slaughterhouse until a Ministry Grader took over the work on 1st September. 221 pigs were certified at the time of inspection and the necessary documents sent to the Ministry.

Small consignments of fresh Kosher beef, lamb and offals continued to arrive weekly from Dublin at Manchester Airport and 534 forequarters of beef 218 double forequarters of mutton and 176 boxes of offals were inspected.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	634	243	37	2,322	1,347
Number inspected	634	243	37	2,322	1,347
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	1	2	2	3
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	200	85	2	64	76
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	31.5	35.0	10.8	2.8	5.8
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	51	20	-	-	29
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	8.0	8.2	-	-	2.2
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	4	2	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	4	2	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

ICE CREAM

There is only one manufacturer of ice cream in the district where a complete cold mix is used. The premises were maintained in a satisfactory condition and samples taken were satisfactory.

19 premises are registered for the sale of Ice Cream.

FOOD PREMISES

There are 129 food premises in the district split up as follows:-

<u>Shops</u>	General Grocers	25
	Butchers	3
	Bakers	2 (both are also general grocers)
	Greengrocers	1 (also retails wet fish and general groceries)
	Fish Friers	1
<u>Canteens</u>	Factory	9
	Institutions	3
	Day Schools	14
	Clubs	1
<u>Caterers</u>	Inns & Hotels	34 (at least 10 doing a substantial restaurant trade)
	Cafes	19
	Restaurants	2
<u>Miscellaneous</u>		15

Inspections were made of 30 food premises during the year and on the whole the standard of food hygiene was found to be high although in a few cases the structural condition of the premises was unsatisfactory. Most traders have co-operated well in meeting the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955. The time devoted to this work was less than is desirable due to pressure of other duties.

SWIMMING BATHS

There is only one public swimming bath in the district. This is an open-air bath used only in the summer. No contravention of the byelaws was found and samples of the water proved satisfactory.

PET SHOPS

Two premises are licensed under the Pet Animals Act 1951. One is a kennels and the other a bird, fish and small animals dealer.

AIR POLLUTION

Most of the district is rural in character but the industrial and residential development in the parishes of Carrington and Partington do present serious air pollution problems.

In December it was agreed in principle to create a smoke control area at Partington where a large overspill estate is being built.

A public inquiry into a proposal to erect a 300 feet high chimney without means of gas washing to serve a large new boiler plant at Carrington attracted great interest among neighbouring local authorities and the Ministers decision is awaited.

The Council are represented on a Joint Conference of 7 local authorities in Lancashire and Cheshire which undertakes a study of air pollution in the area to the south west of Manchester and the records kept by this body proved of interest at the Inquiry.

The decision to exchange details of proposed smoke control areas in the districts of the 7 local authorities is expected to lead to fruitful results.

FACTORIES

There are in the district 38 factories where power is used and in which only Section 7 of the Factories Act 1937 is enforced by the Council and 7 factories without power.

One case of dirty sanitary accommodation referred by H.M. Inspector of Factories was dealt with satisfactorily.

Inspections were made of 7 other factories where no contraventions were noted.

The homes of two outworkers engaged in making up clothing for firms in neighbouring towns were visited and found to

Certificates of adequate means of escape in case of fire were issued to the occupiers of five factories, two of these being revised certificates consequent on the completion of extensions and alterations to the factories concerned.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACTS 1933-1954.

One initial licence and 23 renewal licences were issued authorising the holders to slaughter or stun animals in a slaughterhouse or knacker's yard.

No evidence of contravention of the Acts and Regulations was noted.

RODENT CONTROL

In February the Rodent Operator took over the duties of the Scavenging Foreman and in May was confirmed in the post. The amount of rodent control carried out was accordingly reduced principally with regard to routine inspections. The work done in the year is set out in the following table:-

Type of Property	Local Authority	Private	Agricultural	Business and other	Total
Inspections made following complaint	-	87	3	11	101
Inspections made in Routine Surveys	45	41	81	23	190
Major Rat Infestations found	2	-	1	-	3
Minor Rat Infestations found	39	69	31	15	154
Major Mice Infestations found	-	13	1	8	22
Treatments carried out	38	77	6	18	139

With the cessation of the service formerly offered to farmers by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries 14 contracts were entered into but most of the contracts formerly held by the Ministry passed to a former Ministry Operator who has set up his own business.

